

BACHUS COMMENDS AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ARTWORK

WASHINGTON (April 18) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) announced that area high school students who participated in the annual Congressional Art Competition will be recognized at a reception at the Hoover Library on Monday, April 19 at 6 p.m.

Members of the media are welcome to cover the event. The reception will be hosted by Congressman Bachus' wife, Mrs. Linda Bachus.

Congressman Bachus said, "The creativity and artistic talents that our students have displayed is impressive. Imagination and hard work went into each of the entries. This is an example of the positive things that our high school students are achieving. We should all be proud of the artwork created by our students and the guidance that their teachers provided to them."

High school students from more than 200 congressional districts participate in the annual contest. Students submit their artwork through their high schools. An independent board of judges evaluates the entries. The winning piece of artwork is displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year.

The winning entry from the 6th District was submitted by Shirley Fung, an 11th grade student at Hoover High School, for a charcoal drawing titled "Fallen." Her art teacher is James Knowles. Miss Fung will be invited to the opening of the national exhibit in the U.S. Capitol on June 17.

The reception will honor all 78 entries submitted to the competition this year. The following students received special recognition from the judges for their artwork.

Aaron “Ria” Bennett, Hoover High School

Evans Carr, Mountain Brook High School

Clint Garrett, Shelby County High School

Ryan Freeman, Hewitt-Trussville High School

Shirley Fung, Hoover High School

Taylor Mathews, Pelham High School

Virginia Nelson, Mountain Brook High School

Shannon Yim, Hoover High School

Teresa Yoon, Vestavia Hills

The student artwork has been displayed in the Galleria for the past week.

